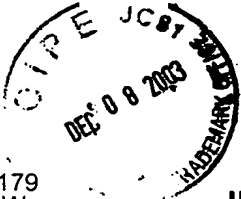


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John Zajac et al.

Serial No. 09/886,580

Filed: June 21, 2001

For: ETCHING APPARATUS AND
PROCESS WITH THICKNESS
AND UNIFORMITY CONTROL

Examiner: Rudy Zervigon

Group Art Unit: 1763

December 4, 2003

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME


Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of the term for response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003, *i.e.* up to and including December 4, 2003. No previous extension of this term has been requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for this extension and any other fees which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2319, Order No. A-70179/ESW.

Respectfully submitted,



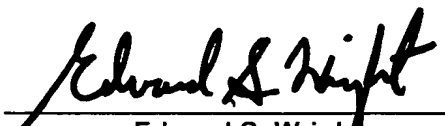
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON December 4, 2003.

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